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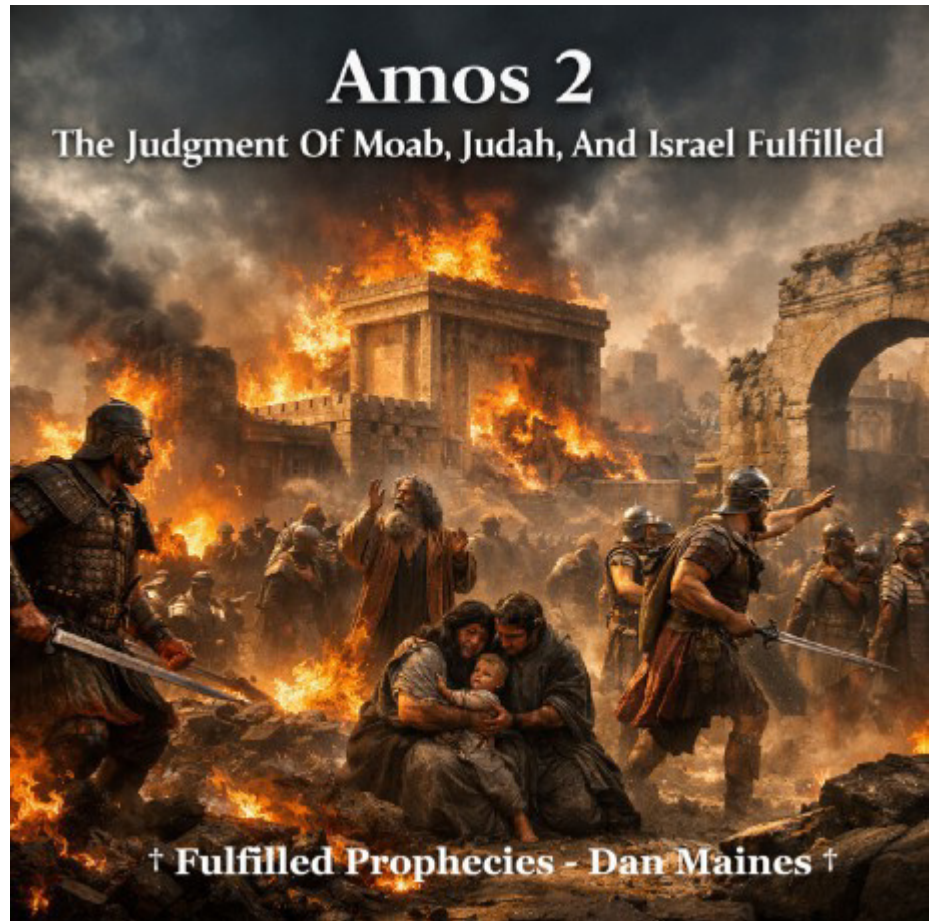
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Amos 2 The Judgment Of Moab, Judah, And Israel Fulfilled



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Introduction

† Amos 2 continues the pattern of judgment, but now the focus moves from the surrounding nations to Judah and then directly to Israel.

† This shows that God's judgment begins with His covenant people, the ones who were given the Law and knew His ways.

† From the fulfilled perspective, this chapter points forward to the covenant judgment that came upon Israel in the first century, culminating in AD 70 just as Jesus said.

Amos 2:1

This is what the LORD says: For three offenses of Moab, and for four, I will not revoke its punishment, because he burned the bones of the king of Edom to lime.

† Moab's sin shows extreme contempt, even dishonoring the dead, revealing a hardened and lawless heart.

† Sin doesn't stay small, when truth is rejected it grows worse, just as seen later in Romans 1.

† This establishes the pattern, God judges real actions, not just intentions.

Amos 2:2-3

So I will send fire upon Moab, and it will consume the citadels of Kerioth; and Moab will die amid the tumult, with war cries and the sound of a trumpet. I will also eliminate the judge from her midst and slay all her leaders with him, says the LORD.

† Judgment here is complete, leadership and structure fall together.

† When authority rejects God, the entire system collapses with it.

† This same pattern shows up later in Israel's fall in the first century.

Amos 2:4

This is what the LORD says: For three offenses of Judah, and for four, I will not revoke its punishment, because they rejected the Law of the LORD and have not kept His statutes; their lies

have also led them astray, those which their fathers followed.

† Now the focus shifts to Judah, and the issue is clear, they rejected God's Law.

† Judgment isn't only for violence, it's for rejecting truth.

† This connects directly to the rejection of Christ and the prophets in Jesus' generation.

Amos 2:5

So I will send fire upon Judah, and it will consume the citadels of Jerusalem.

† This points directly to Jerusalem's destruction.

† From the fulfilled perspective, this was completed in AD 70 when the city was burned.

† Jesus confirmed this judgment would come in His generation.

Amos 2:6-7

This is what the LORD says: For three offenses of Israel, and for four, I will not revoke its punishment, because they sell the righteous for money, and the needy for a pair of sandals. These who pant after the very dust of the earth on the head of the helpless also turn aside the way of the humble; and a man and his father resort to the same girl in order to profane My holy name.

† Israel's sins include injustice, oppression, and immorality.

† They failed both in loving others and honoring God.

† This same corruption is exposed by Jesus in Matthew 23.

Amos 2:8

And on garments seized as pledges they stretch out beside every altar, and in the house of their God they drink the wine of those who have been fined.

† Worship became corrupted by greed and exploitation.

† Religion was used as a cover for sin instead of a call to righteousness.

† This is exactly what Jesus confronted when He cleansed the temple.

Amos 2:9-10

Yet it was I who destroyed the Amorite before them, though his height was like the height of cedars and he was strong as the oaks; I even destroyed his fruit above and his root below. It was I who brought you up from the land of Egypt, and I led you in the wilderness forty years so that you might take possession of the land of the Amorite.

† God reminds them of His power and past deliverance.

† Their judgment wasn't because God failed, but because they forgot Him.

† This mirrors Israel in the first century, who had the Law and prophets yet rejected Christ.

Amos 2:11-12

Then I raised up some of your sons to be prophets and some of your young men to be Nazirites. Is this not so, you sons of Israel? declares the LORD. But you made the Nazirites drink wine, and you commanded the prophets, saying, You shall not prophesy.

† They didn't just ignore God's messengers, they tried to silence them.

† This directly parallels Jesus' words about killing the prophets.

† Rejecting truth always leads to suppressing it.

Amos 2:13-16

Behold, I am weighted down beneath you as a wagon is weighted down when filled with sheaves. Flight will perish from the swift, and the strong will not strengthen his power, nor will the warrior save his life. The one who grasps the bow will not stand his ground, the swift of foot will not escape, nor will the one who rides the horse save his life. Even the bravest among the warriors will flee naked on that day, declares the LORD.

† This describes total judgment with no escape.

† Strength, speed, and power won't save anyone.

† This was fulfilled in the siege of Jerusalem where none could escape.

Historical References

† Josephus records the destruction of Jerusalem with famine, chaos, and total collapse, matching this prophecy.

† Eusebius writes that believers recognized the signs and fled before the destruction.

† Tacitus confirms the Roman devastation and complete overthrow of the city.

How It Applies To Us Today

† Having truth doesn't guarantee obedience, Israel had everything and still fell.

† God holds people accountable to the truth they've been given.

† Religion without righteousness is empty.

† God's Word is proven true because everything happened exactly as He said.

† We now live in the fulfilled kingdom and are called to walk in truth.

Q & A Appendix

Q: Why does judgment begin with Judah and Israel?

A: Because they had the Law and rejected it, Luke 12:48.

Q: Was this fulfilled already?

A: Yes, it was fulfilled in the first century, Matthew 24:34.

Q: What was Israel's main sin?

A: Rejecting truth and oppressing others, Amos 2:6-7.

Q: How do we know this connects to AD 70?

A: Jesus tied the judgment of Jerusalem to His generation, Luke 21:20-24.

Q: What does this teach us today?

A: We must live out truth, not just hear it, James 1:22.

† This is the fulfilled perspective we proclaim at Fulfilled Prophecies †

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